House File 343 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND

HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 50)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to state child care assistance eligibility for
- 2 children of full-time child care providers.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 2 ENHANCED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.
- 3 1. The department of health and human services shall
- 4 establish an enhanced child care assistance pilot program to
- 5 provide for state child care assistance program eligibility for
- 6 children of persons employed full-time as a child care provider
- 7 at a child care facility, as defined in section 237A.1,
- 8 participating in the state child care assistance program.
- 9 2. The enhanced child care assistance pilot program shall
- 10 begin July 1, 2023, and terminate no earlier than June 30,
- 11 2025.
- 12 3. The department shall submit a report on the enhanced
- 13 child care assistance pilot program to the general assembly
- 14 on or before March 1, 2025. The report shall include data
- 15 about the number of applicants approved for the pilot program
- 16 who would otherwise have been denied due to income, the total
- 17 number of families served by the pilot program, and the total
- 18 annual costs for the pilot program.
- 19 EXPLANATION
- 20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 22 This bill relates to state child care assistance eligibility
- 23 for children of full-time child care providers.
- 24 The bill directs the department of health and human services
- 25 (HHS) to establish an enhanced child care assistance pilot
- 26 program (ECCAPP) to provide for state child care assistance
- 27 program eligibility for children of persons employed full-time
- 28 as a child care provider at a child care facility participating
- 29 in the state child care assistance program.
- 30 The bill states the ECCAPP will begin July 1, 2023, and
- 31 terminate no earlier than June 30, 2025.
- 32 The bill requires HHS to submit a report on the ECCAPP to the
- 33 general assembly on or before March 1, 2025. The report must
- 34 include data about the number of applicants approved for the
- 35 ECCAPP who would otherwise have been denied due to income, the

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- 1 total number of families served by the ECCAPP, and the total
- 2 annual costs for the ECCAPP.